

**CITY GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA  
NOVEMBER 4, 2010**

The regular meeting of Council was held this date at 2:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. A moment of silence was recognized by Alderman Johnson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Minutes of the meeting of City Council Meeting of October 21, 2010 were approved upon motion of Alderman Jackson, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried. The Summary Minutes of the City Council Workshop and City Manager's Briefing of October 21, 2010, were approved upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Jackson, and carried.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Otis S. Johnson, Presiding  
Mayor Pro-Tem Edna B. Jackson  
Alderman Tony Thomas, Chairman of Council  
Alderman Van Johnson, II, Vice-Chairman of Council, Aldermen Larry Stuber, Clifton Jones, Jeff Felser, Mary Osborne and Mary Ellen Sprague

Acting City Manager Rochelle S. Toney  
City Attorney James B. Blackburn  
Asst. City Attorneys William W. Shearouse and Lester B. Johnson, III

**PRESENTATIONS**

Alderman Thomas introduced Bob Blakewood with the 48<sup>th</sup> Assault Helicopter Company, who served in Vietnam; this is their yearly reunion. He requested Council issue a hearty welcome to the group. Savannah was on their "Bucket List" as one of the places they wanted to visit because of the southern hospitality. The Mayor thanked them for visiting Savannah and the group received a standing ovation

Anwan Baker, Chairman of the Savannah Children's Book Festival, and Christian Kruse, Live Oak Public Libraries Director spoke concerning the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Savannah Children's Book Festival, Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Forsyth Park. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. They were expecting from 30 – 35,000 people. The poster contest was extended to all school children. He brought Skippy John Jones, the Siamese cat mascot of the popular children's books written by Judy Schachner; which brought a smile to all. Mr. Baker announced author Brian Jordan will be present. He was an Atlanta Braves base ball player, and also played with the Atlanta Falcons. He is the author of the best-selling book *I Told You I Could Play*. Also a former school teacher and author Anna Baker of the *Lama Lama* series, would be there also.

Diane Parker, President of the Savannah Chapter of the University of Georgia Alumni Association, and other alumni presented Mayor Johnson with the Top DAWG honor. The Top DAWG honor is awarded only to mayors throughout the country who are University of Georgia Alumni. Mayor Johnson is in a select group of one of eleven mayors receiving the award. Mayor Johnson stated it was truly an honor to receive this award. Ms. Parker also announced the blood drive, November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 25 Tibet Avenue.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

As advertised, the following alcoholic license petitions were heard. No one appeared in objection to the issuance of the licenses and upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and carried, they were approved:

## **ALCOHOL BEVERAGES LICENSE HEARING**

Patrick Godley for 1790 Hospitality Corp., requested to transfer a liquor, beer, and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales from Raymond W. Clawson t/a 17 Hundred 90 Inn & Restaurant at 307 E. President Street, which is located between Lincoln and Habersham Streets in District 1.

Krunal Patel d/b/a Yamuna Food Mart, requested to transfer a beer (package) license from Sharita K. Lal t/a Pump & Pantry at 329 E. Montgomery Cross Road, which is located between Hurst Avenue and Edgewater Road in District 4.

Terry Michael Smith for TS&HS Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Capone's Billiards, requested to transfer a liquor, beer, and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales from Robert Dzienny t/a Capone's Billiards Bar & Grill at 1100 Eisenhower Drive, Suite 34, which is located between Waters Avenue and Seawright Drive in District 3.

## **REPORTS**

### **PETITIONS**

Harold Yellin for Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) – Petition 12926, requesting to encroach onto the River Street right-of-way for the construction of stairways and steps. SCAD is renovating the building at 532 Indian Street, PIN 2-0003-06-002L, for use as a classroom (Adler Hall). There are two existing stairs from River Street which serve the second floor of the building; the proposed stairways, which will project approximately 5'3" into the right-of-way, will provide access to the first floor classrooms. Additional ingress and egress is provided from Indian Street. The petition has been reviewed by Water Resources and Public Works, Sanitation, and Development Services. There are no objections to the proposed encroachment which is consistent with others in the vicinity. Staff recommends, however, that no structure or furniture be placed within 5' of the stairway to provide safe pedestrian traffic onto the walkway. Recommend advising the petitioner that the encroachments grant no ownership rights to the property and that, if ever required, the structures must be removed at the petitioner's expense. Recommend further advising the petitioner that no structure or furniture should be placed within 5' of the stairway.

BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah in regular meeting of Council assembled, that the foregoing recommendations are hereby adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried.

## **ORDINANCES**

Ordinance read for the first time in Council November 4, 2010, and read a second time this date, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas, and carried.

### **AN ORDINANCE To Be Entitled**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX I, SECTION 210 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA (2003), PERTAINING TO SECTION 7-1026 OF SAID CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STREETS NAMED HEREIN SHALL BE DESIGNATED YIELD RIGHT OF WAY INTERSECTIONS; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: That Appendix I, Section 210 of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia (2003), pertaining to Section 7-1026 of said Code as amended shall be amended as follows:

AMEND SECTION 210, YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY INTERSECTIONS TO INCLUDE:

Willow Road SHALL YIELD for Golf Club Circle.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: November 4, 2010.

Ordinance read for the first time in Council November 4, 2010, and read a second time this date, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas, and carried.

**AN ORDINANCE**  
**To Be Entitled**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX I, SECTION 219 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA (2003) PERTAINING TO SECTION 7-1091 OF SAID CODE TO PROVIDE THAT THE STREET NAMED HEREIN SHALL PROHIBIT STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING AT ALL TIMES; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: That Appendix I, Section 219 of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia (2003), pertaining to Section 7-1091 of said Code, as amended, shall be amended by adding thereto the following:

AMEND SECTION 219 STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES TO INCLUDE:

SOUTHERN OAKS COURT

On both sides of Southern Oaks Court beginning 540 feet south of Southern Boulevard through the cul-de-sac.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: November 4, 2010.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Community Development Block Grant Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Savannah, Georgia expects to receive a total of \$4,271,313 from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in the form of Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Shelter Grant, and HOME Investment Partnerships funds for fiscal year 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a condition for receipt of such funding that the City submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development a Housing and Community Development One-Year Action Plan for fiscal year 2011, and

**WHEREAS**, a 2011 One-Year Action Plan has been developed, published, and made available for comment for 30 days, and two public hearings have been held, on May 12 and October 21, 2010, to discuss and receive comments on the Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Savannah seeks to support agencies that can successfully demonstrate the ability to assist low-to-moderate income persons in moving out of poverty, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah authorize Rochelle D. Small-Toney, Acting City Manager, to submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development the City's Housing and Community Development One-Year Action Plan for 2011 and to enter into grant agreements with the sub-recipients named in the One-Year Action Plan for 2011.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2010. UPON MOTION OF ALDERMAN JACKSON, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN THOMAS, AND CARRIED.

## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

### **TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY**

#### **I. TRAFFIC CALMING BACKGROUND**

Motorists using the transportation system consider two variables when they pick a route to their destination: distance and time. Often times, due to congestion and traffic delays on major road systems, motorists tend to pick alternate routes along neighborhood streets. As a result, residents and neighborhoods complain and have concerns with two issues: speed and cut-through traffic.

Over the years, the City has attempted to work with those who have concerns and complaints. Technical staff performs traffic counts and studies that sometimes warrant the placement of new traffic control devices. However, the City has not had a mechanism for calming traffic using devices such as speed humps, medians, mini-circles, chicanes, bulb-outs, raised crosswalks, lane narrowings, etc. when traffic control devices are not appropriate. It is important that the City of Savannah work to partner with citizens to create lasting solutions for areas containing streets requiring traffic calming devices.

The Traffic Calming Policy for the City of Savannah will serve to inform citizens, as well as guide both citizens and staff of the process to study, evaluate, develop and implement traffic calming measures on neighborhood streets. It requires full commitment and partnership from the residents and neighborhoods that will be impacted by the street modifications.

#### **II. TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY STATEMENT**

It is the policy of the City of Savannah (hereinafter referred to as "the City") to reduce the speed and/or volume of traffic through the modification of driver behavior in our neighborhoods. The goal of the Traffic Calming Policy is to maintain or improve safety and resident quality of life and livability by reducing the impact of vehicular traffic on residential neighborhood streets by modifying driver behavior through education, enforcement and engineered traffic calming solutions.

In order to ensure fair and equitable participation by all residents and neighborhoods, the City administers the Traffic Calming Program under the program activities of the Traffic Engineering Department. This program is implemented with the support of the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Citizen Office and all other departments of the City that are engaged in transportation and neighborhood improvement.

#### **III. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM**

The City of Savannah is committed to balancing an efficient multi-modal transportation system for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians while maintaining the safety of Savannah's streets and respecting the tranquility of its neighborhoods. The City of Savannah's Traffic Calming Program was created as a tool to help address this challenge.

The purpose of Traffic Calming is to manage unsafe vehicular traffic speed, nuisance cut-through behavior and traffic volumes in neighborhoods where this type of negative driver behavior endangers the safety of residents and discourages pedestrian and bicycle activities in these areas. The Traffic Calming Program relies on the three basic elements for success: Education (e.g. public education campaigns), Enforcement (e.g. speeding tickets,) and Engineering (e.g. bike lanes, mini-traffic circles, chicanes, raised crosswalks, speed cushions etc).

The objectives of the Traffic Calming Program are:

1. To ensure that traffic flowing from one arterial that is contiguous to another does not make use of local or residential streets as a bypass;
2. To ensure that emergency vehicle access is preserved at levels that meet City response standards;
3. To employ a variety of measures that help control traffic speeds and/or volumes on residential local and collector streets;
4. To ensure that permanent traffic calming measures are designed in conformance with sound engineering and planning practices that complement the character of the neighborhood;
5. To employ traffic calming measures in such a way that measures installed along a particular corridor do not create substandard traffic conditions on other streets;
6. To develop traffic calming measures that minimize their impact on others who have no reasonable alternative routes; and
7. To ensure that residents and property owners within an area where traffic calming features are installed are prepared to share in maintenance responsibilities.

#### IV. DEFINITIONS:

**Traffic Calming** - Traffic calming involves the altering of motorist behavior on a street or on a street network for the purpose of reducing speeds and enhancing safety of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

**Traffic Calming Measures** – Any appropriate engineering device either visual or physical that contributes to more attentive driving and lower speeds.

**Neighborhood Traffic Calming Master Plan** - A unique plan designed to calm traffic within a neighborhood or combination of neighborhoods using signage and appropriate traffic calming measures.

**Level I Traffic Calming** – A strategy to calm traffic in an area using education. Residents are provided with information and tools through a variety of outlets to make informed decisions about neighborhood traffic concerns and to influence driver behavior. Educational aspects of the program also promote community building and respect for one's neighborhood. Residents take initiative in undertaking program measures such as distributing educational materials, forming a speed watch group, taking neighborhood pledges, maintaining landscape to improve the street environment, conducting neighborhood educational workshops, etc. Additionally, residential groups can request the use of the City's speed radar detection devices for additional data collection and ask for targeted police enforcement.

**Level II Traffic Calming** – A strategy to calm traffic in an area with measures that are easily implementable and relatively low-cost features. These may include enhancing visibility of crosswalks, striping narrow lanes and providing additional signage where appropriate.

**Level III Traffic Calming** – A strategy to calm traffic in an area with measures that typically alter the configuration and potentially the visual and functional character of neighborhood streets. The measures often require detailed engineering, are expensive, and require substantial community input. Therefore, Level III Traffic Calming involves the development of Traffic Calming Master Plans that require vetting by the impacted residents and a majority vote of support prior to implementation of the measures. Level III measures may include speed humps, chicanes, road narrowings, bulb outs, raised crosswalks, medians, mini-circles, etc.

**Residential Local Street** – A functional class of streets in primarily residential areas that provides direct access to abutting land and access to higher order systems such as collector streets and arterial streets. It offers the lowest level of mobility and service to through traffic movement is usually deliberately discouraged.

**Residential Collector Street** – A functional class of streets that provide both land access service and traffic circulation within residential neighborhoods. Collector streets also collect traffic from local streets in residential neighborhoods and channels it into the arterial system.

Traffic Calming Committee – A committee composed of citizens who will be educated by City staff on the traffic calming policy and the variety of mechanisms that calm traffic and who are appointed by City Council to assist neighborhoods to create master plans by providing education and resources to neighborhoods. This committee would be composed of 9 members and appointed for three year terms to be staggered.

## V. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY

The policy implementation will be lead by the Traffic Engineering Department in partnership with the Citizen Office. Call-takers in the 311 Call Center, emergency line and non-emergency line will be fully trained on the contents here with and the procedures set forth in this document.

### 1. Traffic Calming Program Roles and Responsibilities

1.1 The City Manager is primarily responsible for implementing the Traffic Calming Program and may delegate specific responsibilities related to the management and supervision of the Traffic Calming Program to the Bureau Chief of Public Works.

The City Manager shall:

Establish lines of authority and reporting for successful program implementation;  
Recommend funding for the Traffic Calming Program staffing, operations, training and outreach;  
Ensure integration of the Traffic Calming Program into the policies, practices and processes of applicable City departments;  
Monitor the effectiveness of the Traffic Calming Program;  
Revise the program as needed to fulfill the program's objectives; and  
Provide an annual update to the City Council as to the performance of the program objectives.

1.2 The Bureau Chief of Public Works, at the direction of the City Manager is responsible for providing:  
Management oversight to the Traffic Calming Program through the Traffic Engineering Department;  
Reviewing the performance of the Traffic Calming Program to ensure that the program is achieving its goals and objectives;  
Recommending revisions to the Traffic Calming Program to the City Manager as needed to achieve program goals and objectives.

1.3 The Traffic Engineering Director, at the direction of the Bureau Chief of Public Works, is responsible for:  
Maintaining a list of residential local and collector streets that have speeding and/or cut through traffic issues;  
Evaluating the list of residential local and collector streets based on criteria including (1) speed,(2) volume, (3) crash history, (4) pedestrian generators, (5) pedestrian facilities and (6) roadway geometry;  
Maintaining a priority ranking of streets based on their scores (hereinafter the "Hot Spot List");  
Providing technical support to create engineered traffic calming plans for streets on the Hot Spot List to residents through the Citizen Office;  
Assessing the cost to implement traffic calming plans and recommending expenditures to the Bureau Chief, and final approval by the City Manager as needed;  
Where appropriate, developing and implementing trials using temporary traffic calming devices in neighborhoods prior to implementation of traffic calming plans with permanent devices;  
Where appropriate, implementing permanent traffic calming devices in accordance with this policy;  
Developing a process to evaluate the effectiveness of temporary and permanent traffic calming devices on speeding and/or cut-through traffic; and  
Providing suggestions to improve the program to the Bureau Chief of Public Works for final approval by the City Manager.

1.4 The Citizen Office Director, at the direction of the Assistant City Manager, is responsible for providing:  
Services for Level I Traffic Calming Program by working with residents to provide neighborhood education and the Police department to provide equipment and targeted

enforcement where appropriate; Coordination of Level II Traffic Calming Program by working with residents and Traffic Engineering;

Coordination of Level III Traffic Calming Program by working with residents to develop traffic calming master plans in coordination with Traffic Engineering’s technical expertise in traffic calming measure placement and design;

Notification and facilitation of public meetings to vet traffic calming master plans; and to post notice in neighborhoods and inform residents and property owners of potential traffic calming devices placed on their street.

Assistance to residents in obtaining the required votes from property owners within the area of impact of traffic calming measures; and

Notification of trial periods and/or construction of traffic calming devices to impacted residents.

1.5     The 311 Call Center, Emergency Line and Non-Emergency Line are responsible for:

Ensuring that the Traffic Calming Policy is integrated into call-taking procedures and practices; and

When appropriate, notifying callers of the Traffic Calming Program for sustainable solutions to speeding and/or cut-through traffic issues in neighborhoods.

2. SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND THE CITIZEN OFFICE

The Traffic Engineering Department shall maintain a list of residential local and collector street segments that have been evaluated and rated for engineered traffic calming solutions. The streets shall be scored based on the following criteria: (1) excessive speed; (2) vehicular volumes or cut thru traffic; (3) crash history; (4) pedestrian generators; (5) pedestrian facilities and (6) roadway geometry.

Central to the Traffic Calming Program is the participation and partnership of local neighborhoods within the City of Savannah to help identify problem areas. Citizens are encouraged to call 311 to report issues such as speeding and cut thru traffic.

Traffic calming measures shall range from a *Level I* response to traffic calming which centers on a neighborhood education campaign, a *Level II* response which includes options such as targeted enforcement, speed trailers, non-regulatory signage and striping, if necessary, a *Level III* response which involves the implementation of engineered traffic calming devices.

If a Level III response is required based on evaluation and scoring determined by the Traffic Engineering Department, the Citizen Office will coordinate the development of a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Master Plan and will serve as liaison between the residents and Traffic Engineering.

**Whenever practical a temporary device shall be placed in the affected area for a minimum of 90 days and the measure shall be evaluated by the Traffic Engineering Department to determine its effectiveness. Permanent traffic calming measures shall be installed by the Traffic Engineering Department as funding allows.**

Traffic Calming Score Matrix

Criteria	Points	Basis for Point Assignment
Speed	0-40	Extent by which 85% speeds exceed posted speed limit; 2 points assigned for every 1 mph.
Volume or Cut Through Traffic	0-20	Points assigned based on vehicles per day (VPD): <div> <div>&lt;750 VPD</div> <div>750 – 1000 VPD</div> <div>1001 – 1500 VPD</div> <div>1501 – 2500 VPD</div> <div>2501 – 5000 VPD</div> <div>Cut Thru Traffic Confirmed by Study</div> <div>&gt;5000 VPD</div> <div>0 points</div> <div>5 points</div> <div>10 points</div> <div>15 points</div> <div>20 points</div> <div>20 points</div> <div>0 points</div> </div>

Crash History	0-10	Crash rate per million vehicles per mile of roadway (based on past 3 yrs)
Pedestrian Generators	0-10	4 points for each school on the street; 2 points for each park or community center on the street; 2 points if any (not for each) commercial or institutional use (including churches) exists on the street.
Pedestrian Facilities	0-5	5 points assigned if there is no continuous sidewalk on at least one side of the street.
Roadway Geometry	0-15	Each street segment will be rated on a scale of 0 to 15 for potentially hazardous roadway geometry and other factors. Factors to be considered include horizontal and vertical curvature (5 points), setback of homes from the street (5 points), and uncorrectable limited sight distance (5 points).
Total Points Possible	100	

Removal of Permanent Traffic Calming Measures

Due to the high level of neighborhood engagement and concentration of City resources to complete the Level III process for engineered traffic calming measures, a request for the removal of a traffic calming measure may be considered by the City Manager after 24 months of measure installation.

Alderman Felser stated he was glad they had reached this point. He pointed out the entire policy will be implemented by the Traffic Engineering Department “as funding allows.” He also expressed appreciation about the crash-history points going up. It clearly showed safety to persons and property and needed to be taken into consideration. He stated they had made good modifications in the policy and it was important that the public be aware that it will be implemented “as funding allows.” Alderman Sprague thanked the Traffic Calming Committee, who put in many hours; as well as the Paradise Park Traffic Committee who put in many hours of work and also the Citizens Office. It was pointed out; there are thirty-two ways to calm traffic. She stated after years, and years of lobbying for this, there is now a policy.

Upon motion by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Johnson, this was adopted and approved.

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORTS**

Parking Prohibition and One Way Traffic - E. 61<sup>st</sup> and E. 62<sup>nd</sup> Streets. Traffic Engineering has investigated the area of 60<sup>th</sup> Street to 63<sup>rd</sup> Street between Abercorn Street and Habersham Street, and determined that there is a need to prohibit parking along the north curb of E. 61<sup>st</sup> Street and to implement one-way traffic flow on E. 62<sup>nd</sup> Street. The area of the recently renovated SCAD housing on Abercorn was investigated based on a citizen request for one way traffic flow on E. 61<sup>st</sup> Street. It has been determined that on street parking on the side streets from 63<sup>rd</sup> Street to 61<sup>st</sup> Street has increased dramatically. The most critical problem was observed on 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, where parking is taking place on both sides of the street from Abercorn to Habersham Street. On 61<sup>st</sup> Street the parking is primarily taking place on the south side of the street, and to a lesser degree on the north side. Both streets are 30 feet wide. The conversion of 61<sup>st</sup> Street to one way operation would have some negative consequences. There are various businesses on the Habersham Street end, as well as a school east of Habersham. Furthermore, there are plans for the construction of a new housing project on the north side of this street, and the preliminary plans submitted for review show widening of the street to accommodate parking bays on the north side. In the interim it is recommended that parking on the north side of 61<sup>st</sup> Street be prohibited between Habersham and Abercorn to provide safe traffic flow in the area. Traffic Engineering conducted a parking survey and determined that the off street parking facilities provided by the SCAD housing are fully utilized. Therefore, it is recommended that 62<sup>nd</sup> Street be designated as a one way traffic flow facility in the west bound direction. This street does not extend past Habersham Street and there is no through traffic west of Abercorn so this one-way restriction applies only to one block.



Alderman Sprague commended Traffic Engineering for moving quickly on this project. Alderman Felser stated Citizen Wes Crenshaw should be commended. He stated it is important when the citizens alert the City as to what is going on regarding safety. It is a win-win situation when the citizens are working with the City and Council. Upon motion of Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Johnson, approval was given for the above traffic engineering project.

Upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Johnson, and carried, the following **bids, contracts and agreements** were approved:

### **BIDS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

Pump Repair (Other than Flygt Pumps) – Annual Contract – Bid No. 10.246. Awarded an annual contract to procure pump repair from P & O Machine in the amount of \$31,500.00. The services will be used by various City departments to repair pumps at well and pumping stations. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2010 Budget, General Fund/Stormwater Management/ Other Contractual Services/Water & Sewer Operating Fund/Lift Station Maintenance/Equipment Maintenance (Account Nos. 101-2104-51295 and 521-2552-51250).

Front Loading Refuse Truck – One Time Purchase – Bid No. 10.253. Approval to procure two front loading refuse trucks from Nalley Motor Trucks in the amount of \$396,554.40. The trucks will replace units 3711 and 5728 which are no longer economical to repair or operate. Delivery: 90-120 Days. Terms: 1%-15 Days, Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2010 Budget, Vehicle Replacement Fund/Vehicle Purchases/Vehicular Equipment (Account No. 612-9230-51515).

Street Light LED Retrofit Kits – One Time Purchase – Bid No. 10.235. Approval to procure 82 LED retrofit kits from Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc. in the amount of \$41,984.00. The kits will be used by Traffic Engineering for park and square lighting throughout the Historic District. The kits will replace the 300 watt incandescent bulbs currently used with energy efficient LED lights. Delivery: 3 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2010 Budget, General Fund/Traffic Engineering/Small Fixed Assets (Account No. 101-2103-51321).

HVAC Replacement for Precinct 4 – One Time Purchase – Quotation No. 10.107. Approval to procure one 10 ton and one 20 ton HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) unit and installation services from Southeastern Air Conditioning Co, Inc. in the amount of \$27,075.00. The units will be used by Building Maintenance to replace the outdated and damaged units at Precinct 4 (Oglethorpe Mall) with energy efficient models. Delivery: 10 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2010 Budget, General Fund/Support Services Division/Building Repair (Account No. 101-4240-51245).

Payment-in-Lieu of Tax Agreement for Economic Development Project. In connection with the Savannah Airport Commission's application for a boundary modification approved at the City Council meeting of October 21, 2010, which prepares the tract for an economic development project, a company has agreed to make special payments to the City. The intent of the agreement is to provide that an annual payment be made by the company to the City in an amount equal to the taxes that would have been due the City on real and personal property (to the extent that such property is taxable) as if the property were in the City limits, but excluding any tax that would have been due on inventory property. Approved.

Water and Sewer Agreement for Economic Development Project. In connection with the economic development project associated with the Savannah Airport Commission's application for a boundary modification approved at the City Council meeting of October 21, 2010, the company involved in the project has requested a water and sewer agreement for utility service to a new facility that it plans to develop on land leased from the Savannah Airport Commission. The new facility will be located on Airport property located north of Airways Avenue. Adequate water and sewer capacity near the planned new facility is available. The agreement provides that the company will be served under the economic development rates provided in the Revenue Ordinance in lieu of connection fees. The City will be responsible for the relocation of an existing water main at the site.

The company will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of all on-site water and sewer facilities. Approved.

Incinerator Maintenance – Annual Contract Renewal – Bid No. 10.277. Renewed an annual contract to procure incinerator maintenance from Atlantic Firebrick & Supply Co. in the amount of \$43,502.23. The maintenance will be used on the incinerator at the President Street Water Reclamation Plant to maintain the furnaces used to burn biosolids remaining from the water treatment process. This is the first of two renewal options for this contract. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2010 Budget, Water & Sewer Fund/President Street Plant/Equipment Maintenance (Account No. 521-2553-51250).

Corrosion Control Additive – Annual Contract Renewal – Bid No. 10.270. Renewed an annual contract to procure corrosion control additive from Pristine Water Supply Solutions in the amount of \$120,000.00. The corrosion control is needed in the City's water distribution system. There is only one source for this specialized chemical available, therefore the contract was negotiated. Prices have remained stable from the previous contract period. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2010 Budget, I & D Operating Water Fund/I & D Operating Maintenance/Chemicals (Account No. 531-2581-51323).

Well Maintenance – Annual Contract Renewal – Bid No. 10.278. Renewed an annual contract to procure well maintenance from Rowe Drilling Company, Inc. in the amount of \$139,362.00. The services will be used by Water Supply & Treatment to repair and maintain the potable wells throughout the water system. This is the first of two renewal options available for this contract. Delivery: 15 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2010 Budget, I & D Water Operating Fund/I & D Water operations & Maintenance/Equipment Maintenance, Water & Sewer Operating Fund/ Water Supply & Treatment/Equipment Maintenance, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvements Projects/Other Costs/Well Preventative Maintenance Program, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvements Projects/Other Costs/Well Maintenance (Account Nos. 531-2581-51250, 521-2502-51250, 311-9207-52842-WT320 and 311-9207-52842-WT219).

GPS Monitoring Equipment for Savannah Impact – Annual Contract Renewal – Bid No. 10.281. Approved an annual contract to procure lease of GPS monitoring equipment from Omnilink Systems in the estimated amount of \$37,230.00. The equipment will be used by Savannah Impact Program (SIP) to monitor offenders served by the program. Seven vendors submitted proposals; demonstrations were viewed from six of the seven. (General Security Services did not participate in the presentation; however, the proposal was reviewed for its content.) Members from the Chatham County Juvenile Court, Department of Juvenile Justice, Savannah Parole, and SCMPD took part in the equipment/proposal evaluations. This is the first of two renewal options for this contract. Delivery: 14-21 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2010 Budget, General Fund/Savannah Impact/ Professional Purchased Services (Account No. 101-4263-51238).

Thermoplastic Pavement Markings – Annual Contract Renewal – Bid No. 10.285. Renewed an annual contract for thermoplastic pavement marking to Peek Pavement Markings, LLC (primary) and Thompson Pavement Markings, Inc. (secondary) in the amount of \$104,175.00. The contract will be utilized by Traffic Engineering for the installation of pavement markings for line lanes, intersections, railroad crossings, directional arrows and various pavement markings. This contract was originally awarded in July 2009. Both contractors have offered to renew the contract with an increase of 13% (Peek) and 14% (Thompson) due to documented increases in the cost of raw materials. This is an annual contract and as such contains most of the line items that the using department may need during the upcoming year for this type of work. Not all of the items listed will necessarily be purchased. This is the first of two available renewals for this contract. Delivery: As Required. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2010 Budget, General Fund/Traffic Engineering/ Operating Supplies & Materials) Account No. 101-2103-51320.

Electrical Parts – Annual Contract Renewal – Bid No. 10.286. Renewed an annual contract to procure electrical parts and supplies to Hagemeyer (Primary) and Savannah Winletric (Secondary) in the estimated annual amount of \$170,000.00. This contract will be utilized by Building and Electrical and other City departments to procure electrical

parts and supplies. This is the second of three available renewals for this contract. Delivery: As Required. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2010 Budget, General Fund/Building & Electrical Maintenance/Construction Supplies & Materials (Account No. 101-6121-51340).

Water and Sewer Agreement – Embassy Suites. Approved A&M Hospitalities water and sewer agreement for Embassy Suites. The water and sewer systems have adequate capacity to serve this 63-equivalent residential unit development located at 145 Mulberry Boulevard. The agreement is consistent with policy directives given by the Mayor and Aldermen and has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for legal format.

Water and Sewer Agreement – 2419 W. Bay Street. Approval of Charter South, Inc. – requesting a water and sewer agreement for 2419 W. Bay Street. The water and sewer systems have adequate capacity to serve this 1.58-equivalent residential unit development. The agreement is consistent with policy directives given by the Mayor and Aldermen and has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for legal format.

Water and Sewer Agreement – O'Reilly Auto Parts. Approval for O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., requesting a water and sewer agreement for O'Reilly Auto Parts. The water and sewer systems have adequate capacity to serve this 1.18-equivalent residential unit development located at 4141 Ogeechee Road. The agreement is consistent with policy directives given by the Mayor and Aldermen and has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for legal format.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Streetscape Phase II – Bid No. 10.204. Approval to procure construction services for Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Streetscape Phase II from JHC Corporation in the amount of \$2,786,939.60. The project includes the reconstruction of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from Gwinnett Street to Exchange Street. The work will consist of removing old sidewalks and replacing with brick with ADA ramps, stamped concrete pedestrian crosswalks, boardwalks in designated areas where tree roots are excessively exposed and the relocation of storm drainage. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprises goal for this project is 12%. Because there is Georgia DOT funding in this project, only DBE's certified by GDOT may be utilized. The recommend contractor submitted DBE participation of 15% utilizing Hard Rock Pavers, LLC. Delivery: 420 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2010 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvements Projects/Other Costs/MLK Streetscape (Account No. 311-9207-52842-SQ804).

Alderman Thomas stated this is an issue that has been discussed for years and he was pleased that this project is at the stage where work will begin. He asked Acting City Manager to explain to the public what will be done on MLK Blvd. Ms. Toney stated this is a State GDOT project and she commended the City staff who worked with the State officials, SDRA, and property owners along MLK Blvd. She asked Bureau Chief Bob Scanlon to brief the Council on what would be provided. He said they would replace the streets, the sidewalks, new lighting, new landscaping, and have some board walk sections; the existing trees would be preserved. The plan is to start the project at the south end at Exchange and work north. It is 1.7 miles and the work will be done in sections; not shutting down the entire street. Alderman Osborne asked him if irrigation would be added on MLK Blvd. Mr. Scanlon stated he thought it was added to the plan. Alderman Johnson asked when construction would actually start. Mr. Scanlon stated it would take 1.5 years to complete but it would start after discussing with the neighborhoods the upcoming holiday season. Alderman Jackson stated this project was a long time coming and she thanked the City Manager and City Staff who worked on this project. Alderman Jones asked about the median on Quinett Street. Mr. Scanlon stated there was a lot of discussion because the City wanted to put a median in and the businesses did not want one. The plans are to have cobble stones raised up about ½" higher than the travel lanes, in the middle section; and it should be happening shortly. Upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Johnson, approval was given for the above project.

Savannah River Landings. Approval of amendments to the Development Agreement and the Water and Sewer Agreement to approve the assumption of the Agreements executed by ALR Oglethorpe, LLC, a Georgia Limited Liability Company, by MMA/PSP Savannah River, LLC, the new owners of Savannah River Landings, and consent to the transfer of the interest of ALR Oglethorpe, LLC as joint permittee in the Corps of Engineers Permit No. 200601728.

Michael Dudich, of East Jones Street spoke in against the project. He stated until the City is sure of what will be built on the property, there was no reason to transfer the development agreement, at this time. There is no commitment of the new owners to implement the original plan. City Attorney Blackburn stated the City was not transferring anything to anyone. There is a new owner who is assuming the responsibilities of the agreement that the prior owner defined. Whether or not this is carried out, in what manner, or whether or not there is a breach, they will assume the responsibility. The previous owners notified the City that they have transferred this agreement to new owners; it has nothing to do with the implementation of the plan. This is referring to the plan the original owner sign with the City and the new owners are saying they will assume. Mayor Johnson spoke to Mr. Dudich saying he had consistently opposed the involvement of the City in the Savannah River Landing project from the beginning; and he respected his comments. However, for him to say the Council/City does not have any idea of what is going to happen is partially right, because it is private property. The City has made a long-term investment in the belief that it is extremely valuable real estate, and as soon the recession is over, something good is going to happen there that will re-pay the City's investment. The City does not own the project and has no control over the property. He is working with the current owners to try to maximize their investment. He stated he did not feel any answer would please Mr. Dudich, because he has always spoken negatively about the development. The majority of the Council believes something good is going to happen on that land because of its proximity to the historic district, it is on the river, it is ideal, possible land that will be developed. Mayor Johnson, Alderman Felser, Alderman Sprague, and Alderman Jackson thanked Mr. Dudich for his concerns and his comments and encouraged him to continue to take an interest in City Government; and always feel welcome to come before Council with comments.

Upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Osborne, approval was given for the above project.

\* This portion of the discussion has been administratively revised and is on file in the Clerk of Council Office.

Acting City Manager Toney reminded Council of the Budget Retreat November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and the Legislative luncheon on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Felser stated November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Savannah Film Festival, they recognized one of its own Bobby Zarin. It was also the first preview of the Conspirator movie in Savannah. He congratulated the Film Service Office, the Film Service Commissioners, all the employees in the Police, Fire Departments, and Sanitation Department that helped Hollywood transformed the City back to the 1800's and then back to 2010 without any severe disruptions to the City and the livelihood of the citizens. Savannah was truly show-cased and the Mayor was in the credits thanking the Office of the Mayor as well as the citizens of Savannah. He congratulated Jay Self and all of those who worked on the project.

Alderman Johnson stated the following weekend a liquor store on Ogeechee Road had been involved in 12-cases of underage patrons. He was extremely concerned that they continue to blatantly and willfully sell alcohol to minors. He asked the City Manager to do whatever is necessary to make sure this is processed correctly, because this is a public safety issue. The City Attorney stated he had talked to the City Manager and she will get with the Police Department and get all the facts and do whatever is necessary.

There being no further business, Mayor Johnson declared this meeting of Council adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dyanne C. Reese", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Dyanne C. Reese  
Clerk of Council